

REMARKS

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action, applicant has carefully studied the Examiner's rejections and the comments relative thereto. A response to this action was required by June 10, 2003. As this response is being submitted on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, a two month request for extension of time is being submitted herewith. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and following detailed arguments.

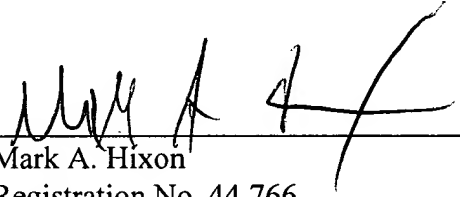
In this response, claims 1-10 have been cancelled, and claims 11-13 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter was presented in this amendment.

Claims 11-14 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, containing the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 11 and 12 were amended to include the subject matter of claim 1, from which they directly depended, and claim 13 was amended to include the subject matter of claims 1, 4 and 10, from which it depended. Claim 14 continues to depend from claim 13. Additionally, claim 12 was amended to correct a typographical error, as in its previous form it contained the same subject matter as did claim 11. The rejections of claims 1-10 under 35 USC §103 are now moot as these claims have been cancelled herein.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-14 are allowable over the applied art of record, and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to modify any of the language of the claims, applicants' attorney suggests a telephone interview in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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